

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: CONDUIT WITH HEATED WICK )  
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Applicants: Smith et al. )  
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Art Unit: 3772 )  
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Examiner: Nihir B. Patel )  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated May 21, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 21, 2010.